



FIRST LESSON

- ☒ Introductions/handouts...
- ☒ Explain to class that over the course of the next few English lessons you will be establishing programmes that will run during class:
 - Spelling/vocabulary programme
 - Expressive writing journal
 - Reading programme...as well as working through an introductory autobiography unit, whose main focus is to establish exactly where the student's English skills are at. PAT tests and an asttle test will also be carried out for this purpose.
- ☒ Establish rules/expectations for class. Brainstorm/discuss them on board and make sure that students copy into workbooks (use **Pathways to Trouble** poster if you wish – ask for feedback as to what inappropriate work/behaviour, offensive behaviour means). Be absolutely clear!
- ☒ Brainstorm:
How to Impress My English Teacher With My Work
(Come up with ideas that focus on quality of writing: spelling, punctuation, vocab, paragraphing, etc.)
- ☒ Give 'Me by Me' handout (or OHP it). Talk through it with class.
- ☒ Do it!!!

(Complete for H/W if time runs out)



Me BY Me

Remember, this is your **FIRST** piece of written work for your English teacher, it is meant to **IMPRESS!**

- ☒ Spelling (is it spelt correctly?)
- ☒ Punctuation (and CAPITAL LETTERS!)
- ☒ Vocabulary (choice of words)
- ☒ Style (make it interesting and enjoyable to read!)

Here's the rundown...

PARAGRAPH ONE:

Introduce yourself. Say what your name is and if your name has a meaning or any special significance, mention that. Say where you live and where you were born. What kind of a person do you consider yourself to be? Explain all of this clearly, with examples.

PARAGRAPH TWO:

Write about your family. How many people live in your house? Do you have any brothers or sisters? Tell me about them. Do you have any particular relatives that you are fond of? Do you have pets? Do you have any family living overseas? Are you related to anyone famous? (or infamous?)

PARAGRAPH THREE:

Write about your neighbourhood. How long have you lived there? Are there any areas nearby that are important to you? Explain why. Have you always lived where you do, or have you moved from elsewhere in the country, or from overseas? Do you like living in your neighbourhood? Why? Why not?

PARAGRAPH FOUR:

Write about your hobbies and things you like. What do you do in your spare time? Favourite T.V. programmes? Favourite genre of film? Favourite books? Sports? What is your favourite food? Favourite place to visit?

PARAGRAPH FIVE:

Write about you and Otago Boys' High School. What do you think you'll enjoy about attending this school? What might you be worried about? What subjects do you consider to be your best ones and why? Tell me about your views on English as a subject. What are your strong points in English? What are the areas in this subject that you need to work on?

Write one final comment about what you hope to get out of English this year, plus anything else you wish to mention to me...

Thankyouverymuch